



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Major Crimes Bureau / Felony Assault Unit

Date: 08/11/2021

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Type of Offense/Incident: Felonious Assault / Stabbing

Date: 08/11/2021

Time: 12:45 p.m.

Location of Offense/Incident: 369 S. High St.

Zone: 5

Precinct: 16

Incident Report #: 210597046

Cruiser District: 160

Victim: John Gibson

Sex: M

Race: B

Age: 26

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Tracey A. Neely

Address:

☒ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: M

Race: B

Age: 53

Charges: Felonious Assault F-2

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Incident Summary: On August 11, 2021, at approximately 12:45 pm, Columbus Police Patrol Officers as well as Franklin County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a call for service involving a stabbing. Upon arrival Officers located the victim, John Gibson suffering from stab wounds. John Gibson was waiting for a bus the when the suspect, TRACEY A. NEELY, initiated an argument with him. Mr. Gibson explained that Mr. Neely charged at him and he pulled out a machete he uses to clear campsites to defend himself. Mr. Gibson stated as he was backing up away from Mr. Neely he was tripped and fell to the ground, dropping his machete. Mr. Gibson stated Mr. Neely then picked up the machete and stabbed him multiple times before Sheriff Deputies could stop him.

Mr. Gibson was transported to an area hospital in serious condition.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Columbus Police Felony Assault Unit at 614-645-4141 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at 614-461-TIPS (8477).

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